



## **New Station Signage Requirements: Compliance Due By April 1 November 1, 2019**

Due to the ending of ASM testing of 1995 and older model year vehicles for the 2020 testing season, the requirements for station signage have been updated and all stations are required to make signage replacements or modifications by April 1, 2020.

Stations can begin ordering the new 2020 sign options now. However, the earliest the signs can be changed or modified is Dec. 15, 2019.

### **WHAT'S CHANGING**

The use of "1996 & Newer" and "All Vehicles Welcome" verbiage will be phased out and replaced with "Emissions Testing."

**Please review the updated sign specifications handout available at [www.cleanairforce.com/stations/general-information/station-signage/](http://www.cleanairforce.com/stations/general-information/station-signage/) or contact an approved sign vendor for more information.**

You have several options to comply with the new sign requirements by April 1, 2020:

1. Buy a new sign.
2. Buy an overlay to replace any existing "1996 & Newer" or "All Vehicles Welcome" overlays and replace with "Emissions Testing."
  - a. The overlay must match the sign. There cannot be a white overlay on the blue portion of the sign and the overlay must be secured by attaching a magnetic strip or applying stick-on or magnetic letters by double-sided tape or by the same color tape if the outside edge will be exposed. For example, white tape can be used for sign layout options B and C\*, which is directly on the sign, or a blue overlay may be used with white letters for sign layout options A and C\* toppers.
  - b. Blue or black colors must be used to make these changes.
3. Buy a new sign topper for sign layout option A\*.

*\*Options A, B and C can be found on the sign specifications handout.*

The list of approved sign vendors is available at [www.cleanairforce.com/stations/general-information/station-signage/](http://www.cleanairforce.com/stations/general-information/station-signage/).

### Signage reminders:

- If your sign becomes damaged or faded, replace it.
- If your station is not open during the hours listed on your sign, then you must post a "Closed" sign on the roadside sign, on the bay door, or within view of the motoring public.
- All sign locations must meet state and local code requirements.
- All information displayed on these signs is required by law; do not add or omit any information. If any of your station information that is printed on your sign changes, you must update it immediately.
- If your station offers coupons, the price entered on the VIR still must match your roadside sign. The discounted price charged will be handled by the station internally and must be offered to all motorists with a paper coupon. The emissions test cannot be discounted below \$10.
- Stations are only authorized to use the GCAF logo on their state-certified sign. Stations are not to use the logo on any other advertisements, such as business cards or flyers.
- If your sign does not meet specifications or includes inaccurate station information (ex., wrong station type, incorrect hours of operation), your station will fail the audit task and you will be required to purchase a new sign or update your existing sign to become compliant.

If you have any questions, contact GCAF Station Assistance at 1.800.449.2471, option #2, via email at [industry@cleanairforce.com](mailto:industry@cleanairforce.com), or via live chat, which is available at [www.cleanairforce.com](http://www.cleanairforce.com).

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